

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 4/19/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-35.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 19 April 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

  
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1. The amendment and arguments filed on 4/19/04 to independent Claims 1, 17 and 18, have been fully considered.

The replacement sheets for Drawings, FIG. 1 and FIG. 2 are accepted.

The amended limitations of independent Claims 1, 17, and 18 overcome the rejection under the closest art of record, Dmitri Leman, "Spying on COM objects".

#### Reasons for Allowance

2. Claims 1-35 are allowed.

Prior art of record, Dmitri Leman, discloses a system included with a spy DLL spying on COM objects and a tracer injecting a patch code into an address space of a call process in a window application. When the patch code is executed, it changes the pointer to load a tracing DLL. The spy DLL is also injected so that a debugger could change control to execute it. The tracer has ability to capture tracing messages and information that are returned from COM interface. Dimitri, does not address "graphics primitive/ attribute" in such a manner as the claim now amended. As pointed out by Applicants (Remarks: Page 9, in lines 3-5 of third full paragraph) that Dmitri Leman's focus is on debugging, it does not describe using intercepted information in real time to alter the output of the calling process which allows the information/messages to be displayed altered.

Therefore, the following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The cited prior arts taken alone or in combination fail to teach the claims to a method, a computer-readable medium, and a system for a calling process to manipulate information presented by a target process, comprising at least features:

*"capturing one or more graphics primitives and attributes associated with such graphics primitives during execution of the target process;*

*returning the graphics primitives and attributes associated with such graphics primitives to the calling process; and*

*producing, by the calling process, an output, the output based, at least in part, on*

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*the returned graphics primitives and attributes associated with such graphics primitives", as recited in such manners in each of independent Claims 1, 17, and 18.*


3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ted T. Vo whose telephone number is (703) 308-9049. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM ET. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tuan Dam, can be reached on (703) 305-4552.

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(703) 872-9306 (for formal communication intended for entry);

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

  
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